

**MIAMI COUNTY PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSION**

*Thursday, February 27, 2020  
8 a.m. Work Session  
9 a.m. Meeting  
Lost Creek Reserve Administration Office*

Present: Mr. Doug Haines, Dr. Robert Malarkey, Mrs. Elizabeth Gutmann, Scott Myers, Kevin Swanson, Dale Gade, Amanda Smith, Tama Cassidy and Chris Thompson taking minutes.

**MINUTES** - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2020 board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

**BILLS AND RECEIPTS** – Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve the bills and receipts as presented, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

**GIFTS AND DONATIONS** - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve the donations, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **RESOLUTION 1333-20** – Approval of Transfers dated 1/17/20 – 2/18/20 – Scott explained the U.S. Fish & Wildlife grant for \$200,000 is where funds came from that are being transferred. Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1333-20, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- B. **RESOLUTION 1334-20** – Authorization to enter into a contract with the Banana Slug String Band to perform at the 2020 “Hug the Earth” Festival not to exceed \$27,029.00 - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1334-20, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- C. **RESOLUTION 1335-20** – Authorization to purchase a variety of species of native trees and shrubs from Woody Warehouse Nursery, Inc. for habitat restoration on the Stillwater Prairie Connector at a cost not to exceed \$8,530.10. It is part of the Clean Ohio grant for the Stillwater Prairie Connector - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1335-20, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- D. **RESOLUTION 1336-20** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with The Conservationist to prepare an approximately 20.3-acre site and plant a wildflower/prairie seed mix on the Stillwater Prairie Connector at a cost not to exceed \$8,342.00 - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1336-20, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- E. **RESOLUTION 1337-20** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Finfrock Construction to assist the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with the habitat restoration project site at Duke Park Extension at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1337-20, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.
- F. **RESOLUTION 1338-20** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with K.E. Rose Company to provide and install law enforcement equipment, lighting and a tonneau cover in the 2020 Ford F-150 police responder vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$9,995.00 - Dr. Malarkey made a motion to approve resolution 1338-20, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously.

- G. RESOLUTION 1339-20** – Authorization to purchase two (2) new 2020 Jeep Compass Sport 4x4 vehicles from Paul Sherry and to trade-in one (1) 2008 Honda Civic and two (2) 2010 Chevrolet Colorado pick-up trucks for a final cost not to exceed \$31,285.00 - Mrs. Gutmann made a motion to approve resolution 1339-20, seconded by Dr. Malarkey, motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Foundation**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

- a. **Deputy Director** – Kevin had no addition to his written report.
- b. **Operations** – Dale said the gas line installation should be installed soon at Lost Creek Reserve. Everything will be trenched south of St. Rt. 41 and bored north.

We are moving forward with the Stillwater Connector footbridge bids, sign makings, etc.

- c. **Marketing** – Amanda had no addition to her written report
- d. **Education** – Tama presented a proposal for a climbing tower to be built at Stillwater Prairie. It would replace high ropes and zip lines at Hug the Earth Festival. It would only be available for use during regular programs. It could have regular stairs and can be used as an observation tower at other times. Kevin said it may be a good Nature Works grant project.

Tama said we will be adding a bike week for older children that will travel further (possibly out of the county) and we will be adding a second water week.

- e. **Executive Director** – Scott updated board on awards MCPD received at the OPRA Conference.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Property and Personnel – No executive session.

**Dr. Malarkey moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Gutmann, motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18a.m.**

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J. Scott Myers

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R. Douglas Haines